

Celebrating the Life & Legacy of
Mother Matlyne Eubanks



February 2, 1923

October 1, 2010

John 1:51

And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Hereafter ye shall see heaven open, and the angels of
God ascending and descending upon the Son of man

Saturday, October 9, 2010, 12:00 pm

St. John Missionary Baptist Church

662 South 52nd Street, Richmond, CA

Dr. Kevin B. Hall, Pastor and Officiator

Obituary

Mother Matlyne Henderson Eubanks was born February 2, 1923 in Smithville, Texas to Lee Henderson and Julie Tyler Henderson. She departed this life on Friday, October 1, 2010, in Richmond, California. She spent her formative years in Smithville, TX, attended the local elementary and high school in Fayette and Bartrop Counties after which she moved to Fort Worth, Texas.

Matlyne met and married Alfred Eubanks in Fort Worth, Texas on August 25, 1941. The Lord blessed them with three beautiful children, Patsy, Norma Jean and Vaughn.

Matlyne joined St. John Missionary Baptist Church in 1943, under the leadership of the late Reverend G.E. Carter; she served in the following ministries, Ruth Circle, Women Missionary Ministry, Golden Agers Ministry, Sunday School Ministry and the Mothers Ministry.

Matlyne furthered her education in California and became one of the 1st Black Licensed Vocational Nurses in Contra Costa County. This was an early indication of how she would view her lifelong role in her community. Matlyne believed in fairness and equality throughout her life. She remained steadfast and fearless in her commitment to break down the socioeconomic barriers endured by the disadvantaged minority citizens. She worked for Stanford Medical Center, Fairmount Medical Center and 35 years for Brookside Hospital.

Matlyne was also an active participant in Star of Love Chapter #22, Order of The Eastern Stars; a founding charter member of the Richmond chapter, where she served as Worthy Matron, Secretary and many, many years as the Warder. Matlyne always remained dedicated and loyal to her family, her church and her community.

The family honors our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She leaves to celebrate and cherish her memory: two daughters, Patsy Hawkins and Norma Jean La`Bat, one son, Vaughn Eubanks (Ann), grandchildren Jerina Wells (Jaime), Cheryl La`Bat and Jeff Hawkins, four great-grandchildren, Wesley La`Bat, Jeff Hawkins, III, Isaac Hawkins and Isaiah Hawkins, special friends Zodia Jordan, Dorothy Williams and Sadie Patterson, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, special OES Sisters and friends. She was preceded in death by her loving spouse Alfred Eubanks, parents, four brothers and three sisters.



Order of Service



Musical Prelude.....Minister Steven Green

Processional.....Clergy, Family & Friends

Scripture.....Old Testament.....Minister Otis Harris

Scripture.....New Testament.....Minister Ronald Carey

Harmony Missionary Baptist Church, Oakland, CA

Prayer.....Minister Alice Powell

Selection.....R.L. Johnson Male Chorus

Acknowledgements.....Mother Annie Johnson

Resolutions.....Sister Judy McCormies

Selection.....R.L. Johnson Male Chorus

Expressions..... (2 minutes please)

Sister Emma Jean Miles

Brother Lee Henderson

Sister Nadine Gills-Ward

Brother Wesley La`Bat

Solo

Brother Dion Williams

Obituary

Read Silently

Solo

Minister Cynthia Harris

Words of Comfort

Dr. Kevin B. Hall

Recessional

Wilson Kratzer Funeral Service

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

Richmond, CA

Repast – R.L. Johnson Fellowship Hall

Active Pallbearers

Deacon Elwood Jordan
Deacon Robert Carter
Deacon Nick Waller

Deacon John Baker
Deacon Bobby Johnson
Deacon David Miles

Honorary Pallbearers

Brother Vaughn Eubanks
Brother Wesley La'Bat
Brother Raymond Eubanks
Brother Bennie Eubanks

Brother Jeff Hawkins, II
Brother Jeff Hawkins, III
Brother James Hawkins
Brother Jamie Wells

Brother Freddie Eubanks

Brother Melvin Eubanks

Brother Freddie Phillips, Jr.

Brother Ronald Keaton

Brother Duria Henderson, Jr

Brother Billy Keaton

Brother Kenneth Henderson

Brother Anthony Phillips



Thank you

The family of Matlyne Eubanks wishes to thank each of you for your kindness and your prayers during this very difficult time. During her time with us, Matlyne was a loving mother, grandmother, cousin, mentor and friend. She touched the lives of many and will greatly be missed. Your thoughts and prayers during her illness over the last several months and since her passing have been of comfort to us. Though the greatest comfort is in knowing that she is now at rest. We give thanks to God for sharing her with us, and we give thanks to God for sending you to console us during this time.